

SUBCHAPTER R—ACCESS TO INFORMATION

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Subpart A—General Policy and Procedures

§ 171.1 Availability of information.

(a) Unclassified information, documents, and forms which have previously been provided to the public as part of the normal services of the Department of State will continue to be made available on the same basis as before. Any Departmental officer who receives a request for records through normal channels of contact with the public, media, or the Congress which would not normally be made available shall advise the requester that the request will be referred to the Information and Privacy Coordinator, Foreign Affairs Information Management Center, for processing under the appropriate statute or executive order as provided in these regulations.

(b) All identifiable records of the Department of State shall be made available to the public upon compliance with the procedures established in this subchapter, except to the extent that a determination is made to withhold a record in accordance with an appropriate exemption as provided herein.

§ 171.2 Requests for information.

(a) Requests for identifiable records in accordance with this subchapter may be made by the public in person during regular business hours from the Department of State, 2201 C Street, NW., Washington, DC where the receptionist will refer the requester to the proper office for service and the necessary forms for making a request.